

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri G.Mallikarjuna Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd), formerly I/c FRO SF Range, Parvathipuram, SF Division, Vizianagaram, P&E Circle, Visakhapatnam, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs.89,492/- against the Charged Officer - Show-cause Notice issued – Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 31

Dated: 18-03-2016
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF Ref.No.33707/2006/K1, dt:10-7-2012.
2. Govt.Memo.No.5055/For.IV/A1/2012-1, dt:17-5-2013.
3. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.33707/2006/K1, dt:04-7-2013.
4. Govt. Memo.No.5055/For.IV/A1/2012, Dt:10-11-2014.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.33707/2006/Vig-2, dt:14-10-2015.
6. Govt. Letter No.5055/For.IV/A1/2012, Dated:16.02.2016.
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.168/DC&C/2/2016, dt.02.03.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, Forest Range Officer formerly I/c Forest Range Officer, Parvathipuram of SF Division, Vizianagaram, and an AOC was issued vide Ref.No.33707/2006/PXA3, dt.13-09-2006 on the following count:

Article-I

"That he had neglected his duties by failing to plan and supervise the nursery works executed by his sub-ordinates as in-charge of the Range due to which the nursery operations like transplanting and sowing were carried on till June-July 2006 which in turn resulted in failure of nurseries. He has also failed to check false booking by the Sub-ordinate staff working under him, which resulted in misappropriation of Government money".

Article-II

"That he has drawn the funds under APCFM from Asst. Pay & Accounts Officer, works and projects, Vizianagaram during March 2006, in advance by furnishing false vouchers, fake MB without doing work. Thus, he violated the instructions issued in the G.O. Ms.No.2 to follow the accounting systems under APCFM and financial Code".

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 29.09.2006 and submitted his explanation on dt:18.08.2007. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the CCF, P&E, Visakhapatnam and DFO, SF, Vizianagaram, were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively vide PCCF Proc.No.33707/2006/P-3 (i & ii), Dt: 21.11.2007.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiring Authority, has submitted his findings concluding that the charges framed against Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, Forest Range Officer formerly I/c Forest Range Officer in Parvathipuram of SF Division, Vizianagaram are held proved. The Findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, vide PCCF's Rc. No. 33707/2006/K1, dated:17-07-2010 and the Charged Officer acknowledged the final notice on 24.07.2010 and did not submit his further defense statement.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2010. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs.89,492/- on the charged officer Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd) formerly I/c Forest Range Officer in Parvathipuram of SF Division, Vizianagaram under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 4th read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 5th read above in which he has agreed to the punishment.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs.89,492/- on the charged officer Sri G. Mallikarjuna Rao, Forest Range Officer (Retd) formerly I/c Forest Range Officer in Parvathipuram of SF Division, Vizianagaram under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl.Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.168/DC&C/2/2016, dt.02.03.2016).
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SECTION OFFICER